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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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| Application No.      | 09/837,755     |  |  |
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| Filing Date          | April 19, 2001 |  |  |
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| Group Art Unit       | 1723           |  |  |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

| 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114  |  |   |  |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
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|  | a.   | _   | Previously submitted                                   | •   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  | u.   | i.  |  | Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on  |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ••  |  | Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)  |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ii.   |  | Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | iii.  | Other:   |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  | b.   | $\boxtimes$   | Enclosed   |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | i.  | ☐ Amendment/Reply                                      | iv. 🛛 F   | Form PTO-1449               |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ii.   | ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)                          |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | iii.  |  | vi. 🔲 C   | Other:                      |                     |  |  |  |  |
| 2.   | Mi   | scel  | llaneous   |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  | a.   |   |  | ension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.) |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  | b.   |   | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C         |   | ,                           |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  | c.   | $\boxtimes$   |  | : Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 (35 references)  |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
| 3.   | Fe   | ees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. |  |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  | a.   | $\boxtimes$   | Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 i            | n the total ar  | mount indicated below. A    |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |   | duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed   | sed herewit   | th.                         |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | i.  | RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required            | RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$770.00   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ii.   | One-month extension of time fee of \$110.              | One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | iii.  | Petition for an extension of time for the pe           | Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any  |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |   |  | additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.  |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | iv.   | ☐ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 €           | Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | v.  | Other: Information Disclosure Statement                | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |   | Total amount to be charged to Deposit Account \$770.00 |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|  | b.   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216 |   |  |   |                             |                     |  |  |  |  |
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